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Appl. No.10/085,612 Reply dated March 8, 2004

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Application No.

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Title:

METHODS FOR EVALUATING THE ABILITY TO METABOLIZE

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Art Unit:

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#### RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 8, 2003. Applicants note that this response is being filed after the shortened statutory deadline for responding, January 8, 2004, but on or prior to two months following this deadline. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), thereby extending the response period to March 8, 2004. Applicants qualify as a small entity. A Fee transmittal form authorizing the Commissioner to deduct the requisite fee for this extension (\$210.00; see 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2)) from Deposit Account No. 50-1293 is attached.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are presented, beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Sequence Listing are described on p. 7 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.